

House Resolution No. 984

Whereas, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are called upon to recognize those outstanding young Missourians who have distinguished themselves as leaders of their peers; and

Whereas, Elysia Gooding, a sixth-grader at Shull Sixth Grade Center in the Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District, took First Place at the Ray-Pec Spelling Bee held Friday, March 7, 2003, at Stonegate Elementary School; and

Whereas, Elysia Gooding competed against eleven other fourth through eighth grade students who were either winners or runners-up at spelling bees held at their respective schools; and

Whereas, after five rounds, Elysia correctly spelled "chisel", which had been spelled incorrectly by a fourth-grade student, and won the contest by correctly spelling "sapphire", a word she knew how to spell after having a friend in the fourth grade with that name; and

Whereas, Elysia Gooding qualifies for the Cass County Spelling Bee, which is being sponsored by The Cass County Democrat-Missourian and coordinated by the Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District, and scheduled for March 21, 2003; and

Whereas, a talented pianist who enjoys drawing, playing the flute, and reading such books as the Chronicles of Narnia and Harry Potter, Elysia Gooding received a trophy and a \$100 savings bond for winning the spelling bee; and

Whereas, Elysia Gooding has achieved all of this and more with the love, support, and encouragement she has continually received from her proud parents, Rebecca and Ryan Gooding, both of whom are educators in the Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District; and

Whereas, it is entirely fitting and proper that this legislative body should pay tribute to Elysia Gooding, a remarkable young lady who will continue to strive to be the very best not only in scholastics, but in life as well:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Elysia Gooding at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing her only the very best of success in the Cass County Spelling Bee and in all her future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Elysia Gooding.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Baker
District No. 123

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 984, adopted March 20, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker